

to examine S. 1253, to establish a fund for the National Park Centennial Challenge, after receiving testimony from Mary A. Bomar, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Vin Cipolla, National Park Foundation, and Thomas C. Kiernan, National Parks Conservation Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Curt Buchholtz, National Park Friends Alliance, Estes Park, Colorado.

POSTAL SERVICE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (Public Law 109–435), focusing on the services that are provided to customers, after receiving testimony from John E. Potter, Postmaster General, United States Postal Service; Dan G. Blair, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission; Jody Berenblatt, Bank of America, New York, New York; Anthony Conway, Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers, and Robert E. McLean, Mailers Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and James West, Williams-Sonoma, Inc. Postal and Government Affairs, San Francisco, California.

PRESERVING PROSECUTORIAL INDEPENDENCE

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee continued hearings to examine the Department of Justice politi-

cizing the hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, focusing on preserving prosecutorial independence, receiving testimony from J. Scott Jennings, Special Assistant to the President, Deputy White House Political Director.

Hearings recesses subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

A bill entitled, "School Safety and Law Enforcement Act";

S. 1060, to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, with amendments; and

The nominations of Rosa Emilia Rodriguez-Velez, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, and Leslie Southwick, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 42 public bills, H.R. 3311–3352; 2 private bills, H.R. 3353–3354; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 199–201; and H. Res. 606–608 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1400, to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by imposing additional economic sanctions against Iran, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–294, Pt. 1);

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Holden to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 232 ayes to 186 noes, with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 797.

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Ensuring Military Readiness Through Stability and Predictability Deployment Policy Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 3159, to mandate minimum periods of rest and recuperation for units and members of the regular and reserve components of the Armed Forces between deployments for Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom, by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 194 noes with 3 voting "present", Roll No. 796.

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Rejected the Hunter motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith

with amendments, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 217 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 795.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 601, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 794, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 793.

Pages H9549–57, H9564–65

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Dreier motion to adjourn by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 165 yeas to 254 nays, Roll No. 798.

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America COMPETES Act: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2272, to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States, by a recorded vote of 367 yeas to 57 noes, Roll No. 802.

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Rejected the Shimkus motion to recommit the conference report with instructions to the managers on the part of the House, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 199 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 801.

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H. Res. 602, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 792, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 791.

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Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008: The House passed H.R. 3161, amended, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 18 nays with 13 voting “present”, Roll No. 816. Consideration of the measure began on Tuesday, July 31st.

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Rejected the Lewis (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 814, prior to agreeing to the Hoyer motion to reconsider the vote on the motion to recommit by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 12 nays, with 55 voting “present”, Roll No. 815.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendments printed in part A of H. Rept. 110–290 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the

Whole and no further amendment shall be in order except those printed in part B of H. Rept. 110–290.

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Agreed to:

McHenry amendment (that was debated on July 31st) to the Gingrey amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of July 30, 2007) that reduces funding for the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture by \$100,100 and

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Gingrey amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of July 30, 2007 and debated on July 31st), as amended, that reduces funding for the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture by \$50,050;

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Rejected:

Sessions amendment (No. 1 printed in Part B of House Report 110–290) that sought to strike language from the bill prohibiting the use of funds by the USDA Chief Financial Officer for “competitive sourcing” activities until the Secretary of Agriculture submits a report on the Department’s contracting out policies and budget (by a recorded vote of 168 yeas to 254 noes, Roll No. 803);

Pages H9621–22, H9639, H9641–42

Hensarling amendment (No. 3 printed in Part B of House Report 110–290) that sought to reduce funding provided in the bill for rural community facilities programs by \$6,287,000 (by a recorded vote of 90 yeas to 337 noes, Roll No. 804);

Pages H9622–24, H9639, H9642

Hensarling amendment (No. 4 printed in Part B of House Report 110–290) that sought to reduce funding provided in the bill for grants to finance broadband transmission in rural areas by \$8,910,000 (by a recorded vote of 66 yeas to 360 noes, Roll No. 805);

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Kingston amendment (No. 5 printed in Part B of House Report 110–290) that sought to strike section 726 from the bill relating to importation of prescription drugs (by a recorded vote of 146 yeas to 283 noes, Roll No. 806);

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Kingston amendment (No. 6 printed in Part B of House Report 110–290) that sought to prohibit the use of funds in the bill to apply labor standards under the Davis-Bacon Act to contracts for construction of renewable energy systems (by a recorded vote of 152 yeas to 278 noes, Roll No. 807);

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Jordan amendment (No. 7 printed in Part B of House Report 110–290) that sought to reduce discretionary appropriations in the bill by 5.5 percent (by a recorded vote of 146 yeas to 284 noes, Roll No. 808);

Pages H9629–31, H9639, H9644–45

Flake amendment (No. 8 printed in Part B of House Report 110–290) that sought to prohibit

funds from being used for the Catfish Pathogen Genomic Project in Auburn, Alabama (by a recorded vote of 74 ayes to 357 noes, Roll No. 809);

Pages H9631–33, H9639, H9645–46

Flake amendment (No. 9 printed in Part B of House Report 110–290) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for grape genetics research in Geneva, New York (by a recorded vote of 76 ayes to 353 noes, Roll No. 810);

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Flake amendment (No. 10 printed in Part B of House Report 110–290) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Alternative Uses of Tobacco (MD) grant (by a recorded vote of 94 ayes to 337 noes, Roll No. 811);

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Flake amendment (No. 11 printed in Part B of House Report 110–290) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Ruminant Nutrition Consortium of MT, ND, SD, and WY (by a recorded vote of 74 ayes to 355 noes, Roll No. 812); and

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Flake amendment (No. 12 printed in Part B of House Report 110–290) that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Wood Utilization (OR, MS, NC, MN, ME, MI, ID, TN, AK, WV) grant (by a recorded vote of 68 ayes to 363 noes, Roll No. 813).

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H. Res. 599, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 800, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 799).

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Moment of Silence: The Committee of the Whole observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the bridge collapse in Minneapolis, Minnesota on August 1st.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:18 p.m. and reconvened at 8:44 a.m. on Friday, August 3rd.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H9565 and H9618.

Senate Referrals: S. 845 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H9658.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eleven yea-and-nay votes and fifteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9562–63, H9563, H9564, H9564–65, H9577–78, H9578–79, H9579, H9588–89, H9590–91, H9591, H9604–05, H9605–06, H9641, H9642, H9642–43, H9643–44, H9644, H9644–45, H9645–46, H9646, H9646–47,

H9647–48, H9648–49, H9650, H9651, and H9651–52. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and at 8:46 a.m. on Friday, August 3rd.

Committee Meetings

MARINE CORPS NEXT OF KIN NOTIFICATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing to follow up on the notification of family members of next of kin of deceased and wounded process for the Marine Corps. Testimony was heard from GEN Robert Magnus, USMC, Assistant Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps, Department of Defense.

HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA BUDGET EFFECTS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Hurricanes Katrina and Rita: What will be the long-term effect on the federal budget? Testimony was heard from Stanley Czerwinski, Director, Intergovernmental Affairs and Strategic Issues, GAO; Donald E. Powell, Federal Coordinator of Gulf Coast Rebuilding, Department of Homeland Security; and Reverend Donald Boutte, Pastor, St. John Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana.

MERCURY EXPORT BAN ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1534, Mercury Export Ban Act of 2007.

U.S. AFRICA COMMAND

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on Africa Command: Opportunity for Enhanced Engagement or the Militarization of U.S.-Africa Relations." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Michael E. Hess, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Stephen D. Mull, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; Theresa M. Whelan, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Africa, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Elections held an oversight hearing on the Election Assistance Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Election Assistance